of her to have graced this occasion along with His Excellency. We do feel very proud that both of you have thought it fit to come to us and grace this occasion and give us the benefit of the advice that you have given. We assure Your Excellency that we will treasure the valuable words of advice which you have given and the valuable tribute you have paid to the great leader of our country.

" Sir, I thank you once again."

[A group photograph of the Members of the Council with their Excellencies was taken outside the Chamber.]

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—CONDOLENCE RESOLUTION.

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" Sir, I move— 4 p.m.

' *that this House places on record its deep sense of sorrow at the demise of Sowdagar Abdul Huq Sahib Bahadur, M.L.C., and conveys its sense of sympathy to the members of his bereaved family.*'

It is a pity that it has fallen to my lot to begin a session, particularly after a very fine and pleasant function, with a condolence resolution which I have got to move. Mr. S. Md. Abdul Huq Sahib who was a Member of this Council is dead and we, those of us that are left yet behind, have got to discharge our duties by those of our colleagues who are no more. On behalf of this Council, I beg to convey our grief and our sorrow to the members of his family for the grievous loss which they have sustained and which this Council has sustained. Mr. S. Md. Abdul Huq was aged about 50 and he died on the 18th of November 1947 at Bezwada. He was elected to the Madras Legislative Council by the Madras North Muhammadan constituency in the year 1940 for a period of nine years. He belonged to a very ancient and respectable family in Bezwada and he was engaged wholly in trade. He was a tradesman in motor cars and accessories in Bezwada and possessed considerable property. He was very charitably disposed and rendered help to the poor people. He was the President of the Bezwada Muslim League. With these words, I move this resolution, Sir."

MR. PRESIDENT :—" I wish to associate myself with the sentiments expressed by the Leader of the House. We have lost a very good member of this House and I hope that God will give his soul rest and peace in Heaven."

The resolution was passed the House standing in silence for a minute.